

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4827
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
NEW PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have any proposal for new Public Distribution System;
- (b) whether the Union Government have also decided to re-induct the subsidies through P.D.S.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have received any proposal in this regard from the Government of Kerala;
- (d) whether the Union Government have allocated subsidised Kerosine to Kerala for distribution through P.D.S.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): No, Sir. Subsidised foodgrains are provided for the Below Poverty Line families in the country under the TPDS introduced in June 1997. With effect from July, 2001 a discount of 30% on the economic cost of FCI has also been given on the foodgrains for APL families till 31.3.2002 or till excess stocks last.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. 269497 MT of kerosene has been allocated to the Government of Kerala for the year 2001-2002.